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THE  
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REFUGE.  
WITH  
AN APPENDIX.



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## ANNUAL REPORT.

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to the Contributors to the House of Refuge.*

THE Board of Managers respectfully report that, during the year 1851, the reformatory discipline of the House of Refuge has been extended to the following number of inmates, viz. :—

	Number of inmates Jan. 1, 1851.	Received during year 1851.	Discharged during year 1851.	Remaining January 1, 1852.
White Department for Boys	189	222	257	154
“ “ “ Girls	55	54	62	47
Colored “ “ Boys	84	74	67	91
“ “ “ Girls	34	27	28	33
Total - -	362	377	414	325

The average number of inmates for the year has been 329, viz. : in the White Department, 162 boys and 50 girls; and in the Colored Department, 82 boys and 35 girls. The greatest number of inmates at any period during the year, in each Department, has been as follows, viz. : in the White Department, 197 boys and 56 girls; and in the Colored Department, 94 boys and 37 girls.

By reference to the report of the Superintendent of the White Department, appended, it will be perceived that the number of boys indentured during the past year (170) is unusually large; the Indenturing Committee, from a due regard for the health of the inmates of this Department, which during the year preceding was excessively crowded, having been led to make strenuous efforts to place the boys with suitable masters.

For information as to the number of inmates committed to the Institution, from the different Counties of the State, and the places of their nativity; also as to the various employments at which those discharged from the Institution have been placed, you are respectfully referred to the reports of the Superintendents of the two Departments.

The Indenturing Committee continue to receive from the persons to whom former inmates have been indentured, gratifying evidence of the beneficial effects of the training of the Institution. Extracts from some of the letters so received, will be found appended.

The health of the inmates has been generally very good. Two deaths occurred in the Institution during the year; both in the White Department. The first deceased was a boy, aged 15 years, who died in the month of January, from an abscess in the leg, resulting from an injury received out of the Institution. The last was a girl, aged 14 years, whose death occurred in December, from scarlet fever.

The employments of the inmates continue the same as last year; the boys in the White Department being engaged in the manufacture of razor-strops and cane-chair seats, and in bookbinding; and those in the Colored Department in the manufacture of umbrella furniture; while the girls in both Departments make and mend their



own clothing, and that for the boys; cook and wash for the whole family, and perform various other household duties.

The amount earned by the labor of the boys has been, in the White Department, \$5,543 16, and in the Colored Department, \$2,190 75, making a total of \$7,733 91.

The current expenditure of the Institution has been as follows, viz. :—

For the White Department	-	-	\$15,281 58
“ “ Colored “	-	-	8,955 43
“ both White and Colored Dep'ts			1,638 68
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Total current expenses	-	-	\$25,875 69

Reference to the items of expenditure given in the Reports of the Superintendents of the two Departments, will show that although careful economy has been observed, yet certain items of rather an unusual character have materially increased the current expenses of the Institution, *e. g.* the introduction of gas into the Colored Department, \$381 65; construction of culvert for this Department, \$166 88; the purchase of a pair of horses and a wagon, \$475 00, &c. The amount has also been further increased by the outfits of an unusually large number of inmates leaving the Institution, by the salary of an agent to assist the Indenturing Committee, by the higher cost of provisions, and by a stock of fuel for the whole instead of a part of the present winter, &c.

- Deducting the amount earned by the labor of the boys, it will be found that the expenditure for the White Department, is \$50 91 per inmate, and that for the Colored Department, \$62 80 per inmate.

For an exhibit of the finances of the Institution, re-

ference is requested to the statement by the Treasurer, appended

The inmates continue to receive the same amount of school instruction as heretofore; there being about four hours per diem allotted to this purpose, for the inmates generally, and an additional hour for those least advanced in their studies. The reports of the teachers, appended, exhibit the course of studies and the proficiency of the pupils.

Sunday School instruction has been imparted throughout the year to the inmates in the White Department, and to those in the Colored Department for a part of the year. The Board tender their thanks to the Teachers who have so kindly lent their aid to this good work, and would express the hope that others may be found willing to give instruction to the colored children.

Religious exercises have also been regularly conducted in the Chapels on the Sabbath. For the gratuitous services of the ministers of the Gospel of various denominations so kindly rendered, the Board beg to return their thanks.

They would also acknowledge the important aid which they have received from the labors of the Ladies' Committee, in the Female Departments of the Institution.

It affords the Board much pleasure to be able to report both the White and the Colored Departments in a satisfactory condition, and that the services of the Superintendents and Matrons have been such as to merit their commendation.

In the last Annual Report of the Board, it was stated that a Committee had been appointed to prepare a plan for the proposed new buildings for the White Department; said plan to be designed with reference to the proper



accommodation and classification of 350 boys and 150 girls.

After a careful examination of the discipline of similar institutions in other sections of the United States, and of the plans of their buildings, the Committee charged with the duty prepared a plan and submitted it, together with estimates for erecting the proposed buildings, to the Board, by whom it was approved.

The plan[\*] so approved provides for a separation of both the male and the female inmates into three classes. It is designed that the third class shall consist of the older and more vicious; the second class of such as are believed to be less depraved; and the first class of those who, having been for some time under the reformatory discipline of the Institution, manifest a spirit of obedience to the Rules and Regulations, and a desire to benefit by the opportunities afforded them for moral and intellectual improvement.

It is further intended that inmates, while members of the third class, shall not be allowed to associate with any of the members of the first or second class, and to a very limited extent with each other; and that the members of the second class shall be separated, as perfectly as practicable, from the members of the first class; but that, in both of these classes, the members shall be allowed to associate freely with those of their own class, during play hours.

The estimated cost of erecting and furnishing these buildings, omitting the part for the third class inmates,

[\* Two lithographic prints are prefixed to this Report: the first representing the plan of the principal floor of the proposed buildings for the White Department; and the second a perspective elevation of the buildings, taken from a point of view in a direction north-east from them. For a description of the plan of the proposed buildings, see page 39.—  
SECRETARY.]

and affording accommodations for 432 inmates, is \$200,000; the estimated value of the assets of the Institution, now available or which could soon be made available, is \$140,000; leaving a deficiency of \$60,000, to meet which a memorial has been prepared for presentation to the Legislature of our State, asking an appropriation of \$15,000 per annum, for three years, payable from the Treasury of Philadelphia County, and \$5,000 per annum for three years, payable from the State Treasury.

Twenty-three years have now elapsed since the buildings of the White Department [which contain 167 Dormitories for boys, and 65 for girls] were opened for the reception of inmates. In that period, the population of Pennsylvania has increased from 1,300,000 to 2,400,000, and that of Philadelphia County, from 180,000 to 440,000. Science, too, has materially improved the modes of ventilating and heating houses; and experience has pointed out material modifications as desirable in the discipline and training of the inmates of Schools of Reformation. It cannot then appear strange that these buildings are inadequate to the accommodation of the number of children requiring the fostering care of the Refuge, nor that they are in their construction poorly adapted to the wants of the Institution. Impressed as the Board are with the importance of the erection of suitable buildings at an early date, they would again express their ardent desire that the aid asked, as above stated, may be granted.

The gratifying evidence which we have, in the munificence of private individuals, and the liberal aid afforded by public authorities towards the erection of Houses of Refuge in various sections of our Union, that the beneficial influence of Reform Schools is justly appreciated in many parts of our country, has been adverted to frequently in former Reports of this Board. They would



now point to the increasing demand for such institutions. The increase of juvenile delinquency is, they fear, not to be measured by the ratio of increase of population. Causes are operating to produce this increase, and they should be sought out and exposed to public view. For this purpose, the Board ask a few moments of your time.

In all our large cities, there are low-priced theatres, whose injurious influence none can doubt; we have a system of hiring boys by the week, in place of indenturing them until 21 years of age, and this is productive of much evil; and we have a plentiful stock of juvenile "clubs," whose names sufficiently evidence that they work no good; but these are all secondary causes. If we would seek the evil at its source, we must go back to the early training of the child; and there, in the laxity of parental control so prevalent throughout our land, it is believed, exists the most potent cause of the rapid increase of juvenile delinquency.

While this Board claim for themselves no censorship of the public morals, they would feel derelict to their duty did they not proclaim, feebly though it may be, the existence of an evil, which, from its wide-spread influence, they believe to be so seriously affecting the rising generation; which opinion is confirmed by the biography of the inmates of this and all other similar institutions in our country.

Could every parent throughout the length and breadth of the land have impressed upon his or her mind the sad truth that Houses of Refuge are mainly peopled from the neglect of parents to exert a proper control over their youthful offspring, the painful duty would not so frequently devolve upon the managers of such institutions, of having to report that the accommodations are inadequate to the wants of the community. That this truth

may be proclaimed, the Board ask the aid of all philanthropists, and especially of the clergy.

In conclusion, the Board would express their earnest hope, that an enlightened public will co-operate with them in their endeavors to check the increase of juvenile delinquency, and that the Divine blessing may rest upon this, and upon all similar institutions, and abundantly increase their usefulness.

By order, and on behalf of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge.

THOMAS P. COPE, *President.*

Attested—JOHN BIDDLE, *Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, *January 6, 1852.*



## APPENDIX.

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### CONDENSED REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE HOUSE OF REFUGE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1851.

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By balance of cash on hand January 1, 1851	-	-	-	\$4,945 43
By received from Annual Subscriptions, Interest on Loans, &c.				4,004 68
“ State Appropriation for 1851	-	-	-	6,000 00
“ County Appropriation for 1851	-	-	-	13,000 00
“ part payment of Bond of J. D. Whetham	-	-		9,000 00
“ from sale of Loan Del. and Ches. Canal, \$6000	00			5,873 75
“ from estate of P. Blenon, deceased	-	-	-	200 00
“ from labor of Boys, White Department	-	-		4,724 87
“ from labor of Boys, Colored Department	-	-		1,966 01
				<u>\$49,714 74</u>

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To paid Bond and Mortgage to Savings Fund	-	-	-	\$16,000 00
“ Interest, &c.	-	-	-	2,434 46
“ Orders, Executive Committee, White Department	-			17,072 31
“ Orders, Executive Committee, Colored Department	-			8,975 41
“ Orders, Building Committee, New House	-	-	-	3,836 20
To balance cash on hand	-	-	-	1,396 36
				<u>\$49,714 74</u>

January 1, 1852, balance on hand - - - - - \$1,396 36

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JOHN L. GODDARD, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, a Committee of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge, hereby certify that they have examined the accounts of John L. Goddard, Treasurer, compared the same with his vouchers, and found them correct. There is a balance in his hands of thirteen hundred and ninety-six dollars and thirty-six cents. There is also in the hands of the Treasurer promissory notes, not at maturity, amounting to eleven hundred and thirty-seven dollars and forty-one cents, received on account of the labor of the male inmates of the Institution.

ISAAC COLLINS,  
ISAIAH HACKER,

*Committee.*

PHILADELPHIA, *First Month (January) 7, 1852.*

STATEMENT OF THE CASH SECURITIES IN THE HANDS OF THE  
TREASURER, JANUARY 1, 1852.

Certificates Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company Loan	\$29,625 00
“ Spring Garden, six per cents. - - - -	1,600 00
“ Philadelphia County, six per cents. - - -	22,418 72
“ Loan of State of Pennsylvania, six per cents. -	3,000 00
“ St. Paul's Church Loan - - - -	100 00
“ 200 shares Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company	
Notes running to maturity received for labor of boys - -	1,137 41
Balance due by the Executors of Churchill Houston, deceased, for the purchase of \$50,000 Pennsylvania four and a half per cent. Loan. Ten thousand dollars of said loan lodged as collateral security for the payment with interest at six per cent. from November 20, 1851 - - - -	7,256 25

The undersigned, a Committee of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge, hereby certify that the Treasurer has this day produced certificates and notes for the above amounts.

ISAAC COLLINS,  
ISAIAH HACKER,

*Committee.*

PHILADELPHIA, *First Month (January)* 7, 1852.

STATEMENT OF SALE OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FOUR  
AND A HALF PER CENT. LOAN OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
TO THE EXECUTORS OF CHURCHILL HOUSTON, DECEASED.

1850, Sept. 25, \$50,000 Pennsylvania four and a half per cents., at 75 per cent. - - - - -	\$37,500 00
Interest, at six per cent., from Sept. 25, 1850, to Nov. 20, 1851, 1 year, 1 month, 25 days - - - - -	2,593 75
	<u>\$40,093 75</u>
Deduct interest collected February, 1851 - - \$1068 75	
“ “ August, 1851 - - 1068 75	
	<u>2,137 50</u>
	<u><u>\$37,956 25</u></u>

Settled for as follows:—

Ground Rent on House of Refuge cancelled, principal - -	\$30,000 00
Rent from July 1, 1851, to November 20, 1851 - - -	700 00
Balance due as of November 20, 1851, - - - -	7,256 25
	<u>\$37,956 25</u>

As collateral security for the above balance of \$7256 25, with interest from November 20, 1851, there is lodged with the Treasurer a certificate for \$10,000 Pennsylvania four and a half per cent. loan.

JOHN L. GODDARD, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, *January* 1, 1852.



## REPORT OF THE LADIES' COMMITTEE.

THE Ladies have the satisfaction of stating to the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge, that, in the Department to which their attention is given, the management is such as to meet their approbation. Both Institutions have been regularly visited once a week. The girls are attentive to instruction, and seem grateful to the Ladies for the interest taken in them.

The excellent Matrons and their assistants merit our warmest approbation for their untiring zeal in the discharge of their arduous and responsible duties. Neatness and order prevail. The girls generally have been obedient and industrious, and evince a desire to make each other happy.

There is, at present, no vacancy in the Committee. Our meetings have been attended with harmony and love, and a deep interest has been manifested for these neglected and unfortunate children.

Since our last Report, a gloom has been cast over our circle by the removal of one of its members. Mrs. Eliza Parker is no more. She was a warm and devoted friend to the Refuge, always ready to advise and encourage, and had a word in season for all. Long will her memory live, and her loss be felt. She rests from her labors, and her works do follow.

May God overrule every movement for his own glory, and the best good of this and all Benevolent Institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. HACKER, *Secretary.*

*December 30, 1851.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WHITE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Managers of the House of Refuge.*

The Superintendent of the White Department respectfully reports:

The number admitted from January 1, 1851, to January 1, 1852, is as follows:—

				Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Committed by Magistrates	-	-	-	180	43	223
“ Courts in Philadelphia County	-			9	2	11
“ “ Lancaster	“	-		2	1	3
“ “ York	“	-		1	0	1
“ “ Erie	“	-		3	0	3
“ “ Northumberland	“	-		1	0	1
“ “ Allegheny	“	-		1	0	1
“ “ Berks	“	-		2	0	2
“ “ Bucks	“	-		1	0	1
“ “ Susquehanna	“	-		1	0	1
“ “ Crawford	“	-		1	0	1
“ “ Tioga	“	-		1	0	1
Returned, having been indentured	-	-	-	12	4	16
“ voluntarily	-	-	-	7	4	11
				<hr/> 222	<hr/> 54	<hr/> 276

Discharged:—

					Boys.	Girls.	Total.
By indenture	-	-	-	-	170	37	207
Returned to friends	-	-	-	-	49	14	63
Not proper subjects	-	-	-	-	22	4	26
Sent to Almshouse	-	-	-	-	4	0	4
“ Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane	-				1	0	1
“ Magdalen Asylum	-	-	-	-	0	4	4
Went to sea	-	-	-	-	5	0	5
Of age	-	-	-	-	0	2	2
Escaped	-	-	-	-	5	0	5
Died	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
					<hr/> 257	<hr/> 62	<hr/> 319
Remaining in the Institution Jan. 1, 1852	-				154	47	201



76 were committed on complaint, and by request of their parents or nearest friends.

Those admitted were born as follows:—

In the City and County of Philadelphia, 116; in other Counties of Pennsylvania, 27; New York, 10; New Jersey, 6; Massachusetts, 2; Delaware, 4; Maryland, 4; Virginia, 1; South Carolina, 1; Ohio, 2; Kentucky, 1; Mississippi, 1; Canada, 1; England, 5; Ireland, 27; Germany, 3; at sea, 2; remainder not ascertained.

The average age of boys, when admitted, was about 14 years; girls 15 years.

The average number of inmates through the year was—boys, 162; girls, 50.

The greatest number of boys at any one time was 197; girls 56.

The boys were indentured as follows: To farmers, 97; boot and shoemakers, 18; silk manufacturers, 2; stone masons, 4; gardener, 1; tailors, 7; plasterers, 3; carpenters, 9; foundry and moulder, 1; bakers, 3; whip-makers, 2; bricklayers, 2; tin-smith, 1; painters, 4; weavers, 3; coopers, 2; butcher, 1; box-maker, 1; cap-maker, 1; upholsterer, 1; brush-maker, 1; printers, 2; blacksmith, 1; store-keepers, 2; tanner, 1.

The boys are employed at—

[illegible]

## WORK DONE BY BOYS.

*In the Bookbindery.*

							Copies.
Comly's Spelling Books bound	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,420
Pike's Arithmetic	"	-	-	-	-	-	500
New Testaments	"	-	-	-	-	-	3,160
Murray's Sequel	"	-	-	-	-	-	300
Primers	"	-	-	-	-	-	19,584
Almanacs	"	-	-	-	-	-	53,856

*In Cane Shop.*

[illegible]

*In Razor-Strop Shop.*

Strops made	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	doz.	16,000
Paper boxes made	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,000

Two boys have recently been put to work at shoe-mending, and have, in this respect, been able to supply the demand.

## WORK DONE BY GIRLS.

Jackets made	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	468
Pants	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	598
Shirts	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	558
Boys' aprons made	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	478
Girls' "	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	158
Girls' frocks	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	143
Other garments for girls made	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Comfortables made and quilted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Sheets made	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95
Bedticks made	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Pillow-cases	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105
Pillow-ticks	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198
Towels	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
Mending, washing, cooking, &c.									

## EXPENDITURES OF WHITE DEPARTMENT FOR 1851.

Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,310 46
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*Provisions:*

2,348 lbs. Beef for officers' table	-	-				\$181 55
24,826 " inmates	-	-	-			887 13
Mutton, Veal, and Pork	-	-	-	-		131 34
167 lbs. Ham	-	-	-	-	-	16 91
148 bbls. Wheat Flour	-	-	-	-		617 11
504 cwt. Rye	"	-	-	-	-	996 95
173 " Corn meal	-	-	-	-	-	278 36
827 bushels Potatoes	-	-	-	-		731 90
10 " Turnips	-	-	-	-		6 00
5085 lbs. Rice	-	-	-	-	-	171 36
1159 gallons Molasses	-	-	-	-		329 79
303 lbs. Coffee	-	-	-	-	-	82 60
84 " Tea	-	-	-	-	-	32 21
695 " Sugar	-	-	-	-	-	54 03
82½ " Cheese	-	-	-	-	-	8 17

Amount carried forward, \$4,525 41 \$4,310 46



	Amount brought forward, \$4,525 41	\$4310 46
1301 $\frac{3}{4}$ gallons Milk	- - - - - 234 58	
447 lbs. Butter	- - - - - 117 29	
Fish	- - - - - 14 57	
Marketing	- - - - - 98 99	
Pepper, Ginger, &c.	- - - - - 20 37	
14 sacks Salt	- - - - - 24 54	
Hops and Malt	- - - - - 3 88	
	<hr/>	5039 63

*Clothing:*

Boys' Clothing	- - - - - 926 32	
Girls' "	- - - - - 139 28	
540 Boys' Shoes	- - - - - 525 60	
194 Girls' "	- - - - - 171 10	
Mending	- - - - - 222 72	
Combs, Thread, &c.	- - - - - 65 63	
1710 yards Muslin	- - - - - 127 41	
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*Note.*—Of the above-named amount expended for clothing, the value of clothing given to children on leaving the Institution is about \$989.

*Furniture, Bedding, Brooms, &c.*

27 extra Iron Bedsteads	- - - - - 122 50	
Furniture, Bedding, Brooms, &c.	- - - - - 516 75	
	<hr/>	639 25

*Repairs and Improvements.*

Repairs to Workshops in 1850, bill paid in 1851	158 51	
Repairs and Improvements in 1851	- - 548 20	
	<hr/>	706 71

*Fuel and Heating Apparatus.*

120 tons Coal	- - - - - 407 60	
5 cords Oak Wood	- - - - - 30 62	
18 " Pine "	- - - - - 98 12	
Stoves and Pipe	- - - - - 77 30	
	<hr/>	613 64

*For Light.*

342 lbs. Candles	- - - - - 35 51	
76 gallons Lamp Oil	- - - - - 65 71	
887-lbs. Lard	- - - - - 81 89	
101 gallons Camphene	- - - - - 55 39	
	<hr/>	238 50

Amount carried forward, \$13,726 25

Amount brought forward, \$13,726 25

*For Cleansing.*

2206 lbs. Soap	-	-	-	-	-	144	49	
Lime and Sand	-	-	-	-	-	43	40	
Starch	-	-	-	-	-	5	58	
								193 47

*Hospital and Funeral Expenses.*

Physician's services	-	-	-	-	-	100	00	
Hospital expenses	-	-	-	-	-	182	72	
Funeral	-	-	-	-	-	28	00	
								310 72

<i>Bringing Subjects</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	157 75
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<i>Sending away Subjects</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24 00
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*Water Rents and Cleansing Sinks.*

Water Rents	-	-	-	-	-	75	00	
Cleansing Sinks	-	-	-	-	-	27	50	
								102 50
<i>Postage</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29 74

*Books, Stationery, and Printing.*

Books and Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	189	42	
Printing	-	-	-	-	-	14	02	
								203 44
<i>Sundries</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	533 71

\$15,281 58

## EXPENDED FOR BOTH THE WHITE AND THE COLORED DEP'TS.

Salary of Agent, \$400 per annum	-	-				300	00	
Printing Annual Reports	-	-	-	-		88	04	
Engraving Certificates of Life Membership	-					61	62	
1 pair Horses	-	-	-	-	-	375	00	
Repairing Carriage and Double Harness	-					121	87	
Horse keeping	-	-	-	-	-	346	37	
1 Wagon	-	-	-	-	-	140	00	
Carriage hire	-	-	-	-	-	13	50	
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	192	28	
								1,638 68

\$16,920 26

All which is respectfully submitted by

THOS. G. RUTHERFORD, *Superintendent.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COLORED DEPARTMENT.

*To the Managers of the House of Refuge.*

The Superintendent of the Colored Department respectfully reports:—

The number admitted from January 1, 1851, to January 1, 1852, is as follows:—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Committed by Magistrates - - -	66	21	87
“ Courts of Philadelphia County	3	1	4
“ “ Clinton “ -	0	1	1
“ “ Northumberland “ -	0	1	1
“ “ Allegheny “ -	0	1	1
“ “ Schuylkill “ -	1	0	1
Returned, having been indentured - -	1	1	2
“ “ “ voluntarily	3	1	4
	<hr/> 74	<hr/> 27	<hr/> 101

### *Discharged.*

By indenture - - - -	41	21	62
Unfit subjects - - - -	12	4	16
Returned to friends - - - -	13	2	15
Of age - - - -	0	1	1
Escaped - - - -	1	0	1
	<hr/> 67	<hr/> 28	<hr/> 95

### *Remaining in the House.*

January 1, 1852 - - -	91	33	124
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Of those committed, 41 were on complaints of parents or nearest friends.

Those admitted were born as follows: In Pennsylvania, 44; New Jersey, 9; New York, 2; Delaware, 2; Maryland, 4; Virginia, 3; remainder not ascertained.

The average age of boys when admitted was  $12\frac{1}{2}$  years: girls, 14 years.

The average number of inmates through the year is, boys 82, girls 35.



The greatest number of inmates at any one time during the year was, boys 94, girls 37.

The boys indentured have been placed at the following employments, viz.: Farmers, 30; barbers, 2; waiters, 5; drug business, 1; brickmaker, 1; cake baker, 1; shoemaker, 1.

#### WORK DONE BY BOYS.

The only kind of work done by the boys in this Department is manufacturing umbrella furniture. The amount manufactured is 313,000 lbs.

#### WORK DONE BY GIRLS.

Jackets and pants made	-	-	-	-	-	595
Shirts	"	-	-	-	-	209
Boys' and girls' aprons made	-	-	-	-	-	271
Girls' frocks	"	-	-	-	-	65
Other garments for girls	"	-	-	-	-	176
Sheets, bedticks, towels, &c. made	-	-	-	-	-	228
Girls' capes	"	-	-	-	-	26
Carpet-balls	"	-	-	-	lbs.	120
Mending, washing, cooking, &c.						

#### EXPENDITURES OF COLORED DEPARTMENT FOR 1851.

Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,248 21
<i>Provisions.</i>						
Beef for inmates	12,775	lbs.	-	-		\$487 42
" officers	1,276	"	-	-		102 13
Mutton, Veal, and Pork	900	"	-	-		65 86
Ham and Dried Beef	305	"	-	-		35 35
Fish			-	-		10 64
Wheat Flour	118½	cwt.	-	-		289 32
Rye	243	"	-	-		479 22
Corn Meal	113	"	-	-		183 73
Rice	3,119	lbs.	-	-		105 73
Sugar	599	"	-	-		46 03
Butter	230	"	-	-		61 20
Coffee	714	"	-	-		76 27
Cheese	45	"	-	-		4 51

Amount carried forward, \$1,947 41 \$2,248 21

		Amount brought forward, \$1,947 41		\$2,248 21
Molasses	668 gals. -	-	147 18	
Milk	648 " -	-	110 48	
Potatoes	387 bush. -	-	310 22	
Salt	8 sacks -	-	14 13	
Vinegar	41 gals. -	-	3 79	
Dried Fruit	-	-	6 17	
Spices	-	-	9 97	
Tea	1½ lbs. -	-	1 10	
Sundries (marketing)	-	-	114 16	
			<hr/>	2,664 61

*Clothing.*

Satinet	312 yds. -	-	172 00	
Drilling	999 " -	-	98 37	
Cutting	471 gar. -	-	35 68	
Calico and Stripes	588 yds. -	-	53 46	
Muslin	785 " -	-	52 71	
Boys' Shoes	191 pairs -	-	185 60	
Girls' "	118 " -	-	102 30	
Mending "	492 " -	-	182 42	
Stockings	28½ doz. -	-	68 21	
Hats and Caps	27 " -	-	65 00	
Suspenders	-	-	15 64	
Trimmings	-	-	48 41	
			<hr/>	1,079 80

*Note.*—Of the above-named sum expended for clothing, about \$192 were expended for clothing given to children on leaving the Institution.

*Furniture and Bedding.*

Burlaps	388 yds. -	-	50 46	
Bedstead and Blankets	-	-	97 62	
Table Covers	-	-	1 25	
Tinware	-	-	37 89	
Hardware	-	-	43 25	
Tubs and Buckets	-	-	18 43	
Brooms	14 doz. -	-	23 25	
Brushes	-	-	26 46	
Queensware	-	-	12 02	
Rope and Twine	-	-	4 13	
			<hr/>	314 76

Amount carried forward, \$6,307 38



Amount brought forward, \$6,307 38

*Repairs and Improvements.*

Carpenter work (inclosing shed, &c.)	-	-	375 60	
Brick " (culvert, &c.)	-	-	166 88	
Gas Fixtures	-	-	381 65	
Hardware	-	-	65 51	
Painting and Glazing	-	-	37 49	
			<hr/>	1,027 13

*Fuel and Heating Apparatus.*

Heaters and Stoves	-	-	163 06	
Coal	156 tons	-	576 35	
Wood	2 cords	-	11 00	
			<hr/>	750 41

*For Light.*

Lard	663 lbs.	-	60 59	
Oil	42 gals.	-	34 25	
Lamps and Wick	-	-	7 65	
Gas	-	-	19 95	
			<hr/>	122 44

*Hospital Expenses.*

Dentistry	-	-	18 00	
Medicine	-	-	35 75	
Physician's salary	-	-	100 00	
			<hr/>	153 75
Stationery	-	-		97 15

*Miscellaneous.*

Towelling	68 yds.	-	8 63	
Soap	1135 lbs.	-	70 89	
Combs	6½ gross	-	25 15	
Starch	36 lbs.	-	2 88	
Hops, &c.	-	-	8 00	
Travelling	-	-	12 45	
Bringing Subjects	71	-	50 38	
Gardening and Hauling	-	-	54 39	
Postage	-	-	5 95	
Sundries	-	-	258 45	
			<hr/>	497 17
				<hr/>
				\$8,955 43

The Superintendent deems it due to some friends of the Institution, to acknowledge their kindness in presenting various articles for the benefit of the inmates.

Through the influence of Mr. A. Symington, 40 copies of "The Visitor" have been circulated twice each month; also 10 copies of the "Youth's Penny Gazette," furnished by Mr. I. Collins. Some copies of the "Temperance Advocate" have been furnished by Mr. L. Jewell; and Temperance Tales and Hymn Books, by Mr. H. Perkins. The Philadelphia Tract Society have also distributed monthly 30 tracts, which have afforded the children interesting and profitable reading matter. Mrs. Eliza P. Gurney placed \$50 in the hands of Mr. I. Collins, which sum was expended by him for Globes, Maps, and a very fine Atlas, an Orrery, and some other articles, which have been of use as well as of interest to the children. A Tool Rack was also presented by Mr. Wm. M. McClure, which has proved a useful article in the House.

Respectfully submitted by

ELISHA SWINNEY,  
*Superintendent.*

*January 1, 1852.*



# REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL— WHITE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSE OF REFUGE.

*To Thomas G. Rutherford, Esq., Superintendent.*

The School consists of two Divisions. The First numbers 83, and the Second 70 pupils, arranged in classes as follows:—

## *First Division.*

Class 1st contains	-	-	-	-	10 members.
2d “	-	-	-	-	14 “
3d “	-	-	-	-	14 “
4th “	-	-	-	-	15 “
5th “	-	-	-	-	16 “
6th “	-	-	-	-	14 “

## *Second Division.*

Class 1st contains	-	-	-	-	14 members.
2d “	-	-	-	-	17 “
3d “	-	-	-	-	13 “
4th “	-	-	-	-	12 “
5th “	-	-	-	-	14 “

## *Text Books—First Division School.*

Class. No. Pupils.

- |      |     |  |
|------|-----|--|
| 1st. | 10. | Pinnock's Goldsmith's History of England; Goodrich's History of the United States; Trego's Geography of Pennsylvania; North American Reader; Porter's Rhetorical Reader; Davies' Arithmetic; Mitchell's Geography; Penmanship and Orthography. |
| 2d.  | 14. | Goodrich's History of the United States; North American Reader; Porter's Rhetorical Reader; Davies' Arithmetic; Mitchell's Geography; Penmanship and Orthography.  |
| 3d.  | 14. | Olney's History of the United States; English Reader; Comly's Reader; Davies' Arithmetic; Mitchell's Geography; Cobb's Ciphering Book, No. 2; Orthography and Penmanship.  |

*Text-Books.*

Class. No. Pupils.

4th.	15.	Comly's Reader; Introduction to English Reader; Mitchell's Primary Geography; Davies' Arithmetic; Colburn's Intellectual Arithmetic; Orthography and Writing.
5th.	16.	Rees's Rudiments of Knowledge; Cobb's Juvenile Reader, No. 3; Mitchell's Primary Geography; Cobb's Ciphering Book, No. 1; Colburn's Intellectual Arithmetic; Penmanship and Orthography.
6th.	14.	Emerson's Third Class Reader; Cobb's Juvenile Reader; Mitchell's Primary Geography; Davies' First Lessons in Arithmetic; Cobb's Ciphering Book, No. 1; Orthography and Penmanship.

*Text Books—Second Division School.*

1st.	14	Elementary Reader; Davies' First Lessons in Arithmetic; Hazen's Speller and Definer; Penmanship.
2d.	17	Pierpont's Young Reader; Davies' First Lessons in Arithmetic; Emerson's National Spelling Book; Penmanship.
3d.	13	Emerson's Fourth Class Book; Arithmetical Tables and Mental Arithmetic; Penmanship.
4th.	12	Worcester's Second Book; Arithmetical Tables and Mental Arithmetic; Penmanship.
5th.	14	McGuffey's Reader; Arithmetical Tables and Mental Arithmetic; Penmanship.

*Reading Classes.*

Those who can read fluently, irrespective of class	-	-	-	38
“ with tolerable correctness	-	-	-	35
“ imperfectly	-	-	-	34
“ a little	-	-	-	32
“ by syllables	-	-	-	14

*Arithmetical Classes.*

Those who have completed Davies' Arithmetic	-	-	-	7
“ advanced beyond Decimal Fractions	-	-	-	10
“ “ Compound Rules	-	-	-	21
“ “ Simple Rules	-	-	-	14
“ cipher in Division	-	-	-	31
“ “ Addition and Subtraction	-	-	-	44



*Geographical Classes.*

Those who have completed Mitchell's Geography	-	-	-	12
“ advanced beyond First Part do.	-	-	-	26
“ made some progress in the same	-	-	-	15
“ recited through the Primary Geography	-	-	-	25

The following tables exhibit the general standing of 210 received and 246 discharged during the year:—

*Reading and Orthography.*

	When admitted.	When discharged.
Those who could read well	26	47
“ “ with ease	27	56
“ “ imperfectly	39	66
“ “ a little	36	49
“ “ pronounce monosyllables	40	22
“ “ repeat the Alphabet	24	6
“ were ignorant of the Alphabet	18	0

*Arithmetic.*

Those advanced beyond Compound Rules	25	41
“ “ Division	20	57
“ acquainted with Simple Rules	24	43
“ “ Addition only	20	66
“ ignorant of Addition	121	39

*Geography and History.*

Those variously acquainted with Geography	77	165
“ having no knowledge of Geography	133	81
“ variously acquainted with History	35	98
“ having no knowledge of History	175	148

That progress in the acquisition of knowledge has been made by those who have attended the Refuge school the past year, is apparent from the above tables. Those who are acquainted with this progress through the medium of such statistics only, may deem it satisfactory. Those who, nearer at hand, observe both opportunities and results, cannot but inquire how greater efficiency may be imparted to the educational arrangements of the Refuge. This they will do the more earnestly, since the Refuge receives that class of the young who most need educational advantages; and since such advantages are eminently the salvation of those who are

permanently benefited by the Refuge. Only those who, receiving knowledge, begin to feel that they are gifted with new powers for rising to respectability in the world, hold on their way when the protecting walls of the Refuge no longer guard them from temptation.

What progress has been made and good accomplished, is mainly to be attributed to the vigilance and activity of the committee who have watched over the interests of the school. We have received from them weekly a package of newspapers, which, distributed among the boys, have contributed much to their general knowledge, and to establish in them a taste for reading.

The publishers of the *Episcopal Recorder*, the *Christian Observer*, the *Presbyterian*, and the *Saturday Evening Post*, have kindly furnished, weekly, their respective papers.

Our acknowledgments are also due to Sabbath School teachers and others, who have from time to time distributed among the boys religious tracts and papers. Such favors are especially valuable to the boys at the present time, that they may make attractive and useful their spacious Reading Room, which the managers have recently furnished.

In addition to the regular morning and evening sessions of the two Divisions, a class of the twenty boys least advanced in their learning has been taught for one hour daily, during most of the year.

The Second Division of the School continues under the supervision of Mr. Charles A. Gallup. Mr. Abner F. Old is discharging the duties of Assistant Teacher of the First Division.

The Library has been accessible to all, and a creditable desire for reading has been apparent in a large number of boys.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. PERRY,

*Ass't Sup't and Teacher of the Boys' School.*

PHILADELPHIA, January 1, 1852.



## REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL— WHITE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSE OF REFUGE.

*To Thomas G. Rutherford, Esq., Superintendent.*

SIR: The present number of pupils is 47. The number received into the school during the past year, 47. Discharged, 51; average attendance, 42; and the total number in attendance, 100. Of the 47 admitted, 10 could read; 18 could read a little; 11 could spell words of two, three, and four letters; 1 knew the alphabet only; 7 were ignorant of it; and 12 only could write their names. Of the 51 discharged, 12 could read and write well; had made considerable progress in Arithmetic and Geography; had a good knowledge of Sacred History; a general knowledge of the History of the United States; and a slight knowledge of the History of England. 26 could read and cipher in the simple rules, could write legibly, and had a general knowledge of Mitchell's Primary Geography; 8 could read and write a little, knew the tables of weights and measures, and could cipher in simple addition; 5 could not read or write, owing to the short period they were in the Institution. The present standing of the school is as follows:—

### *Text Books.*

Class.	No.	
1.	13.	Emerson's Arithmetic, Second Part; Mitchell's Geography; Sacred History; The United States History, and Pinnock's History of England; Walker's Dictionary, &c. These read and write pretty well.
2.	14.	Davies' Arithmetic; Primary Geography; Primary History of the United States; Juvenile Reader; The Bible; Oral Arithmetic by Colburn; and the Primary Dictionary.
3.	11.	Southern Spelling Book; Emerson's Oral Arithmetic, First Part; Primary Geography; Tables of Weights and Measures; Third Class Reader; Child's Guide, &c.
4.	9.	National Spelling Book; Southern Reader; The Little Reader, by J. Pierpont; First Lessons in Arithmetic, by C. Davies, &c.



The pupils write on paper, and are daily exercised in Arithmetic and Reading. Notwithstanding the frequent changes, and the reluctance they exhibit (upon first entering) to apply their minds to study ; yet, it is truly gratifying to look back upon the labors of the past year and state that, in almost all cases, they have exceeded my expectations. Much may be attributed to the encouragement we have received from our School Committee, who are indefatigable in their work and labor of love. During the past year, they have paid us forty-one visits, and have made twenty-nine examinations. May they, and all who are engaged in this good work, go on—relying on the never-failing promise of Him who has said “ The time shall come, and they shall no more teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord ; for they shall know me, from the least unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord ; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Yours respectfully,

HESSY R. MILLER.

# REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL— COLORED DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REFUGE.

*To Elisha Swinney, Superintendent.*

The school at present numbers 90 pupils, arranged in classes as follows:—

Class 1st contains	-	-	-	-	10
“ 2d “	-	-	-	-	13
“ 3d “	-	-	-	-	10
“ 4th “	-	-	-	-	15
“ 5th “	-	-	-	-	12
“ 6th “	-	-	-	-	13
“ 7th “	-	-	-	-	9
Not classified	-	-	-	-	8
Aggregate	-	-	-	-	<hr/> 90

## *Text Books.*

Class.	No.	
1.	10.	Sacred History; McGuffey's 4th Reader; Walker's Dictionary; Vogdes's United States Arithmetic; Colburn's Intellectual Arithmetic; Penmanship and Orthography.
2.	13.	McGuffey's 3d Reader; Cobb's Speller, No. 2; Vogdes's United States Arithmetic; Colburn's Intellectual Arithmetic; Penmanship and Orthography.
3.	10.	Murray's Introduction; McGuffey's 2d Reader; United States Arithmetic, part 1st; Cobb's Speller; Colburn's Arithmetic; Penmanship and Orthography.
4.	15.	Cobb's Reader, No. 2; Butter's Gradations; Vogdes's United States Arithmetic; Underhill's Tables; Penmanship and Orthography.
5.	12.	McGuffey's 1st Reader; Butter's Gradations; Underhill's Tables; Penmanship and Orthography.
6.	13.	Cobb's Speller, No. 2; Penmanship; Underhill's Tables.
7.	9.	Cobb's Speller, part 1st; Penmanship.
Unclassed	8.	These are in various stages, from zero up to spelling in two syllables.

*Classification of the Pupils in Reading.*

Those who can read with fluency	-	-	-	20
“ “ tolerably	-	-	-	15
“ “ poorly	-	-	-	24
“ cannot read	-	-	-	31

*Classification of the Pupils in Arithmetic.*

Who have attained to subtraction of Fractions	-	1
Who have entered compound rules	-	15
“ simple rules	-	26
Who are exercised in Colburn's Mental Arithmetic	-	42

The following table exhibits the attainments of 44 admitted and 47 discharged since March 17, 1851:—

	When admitted.	When discharged.
Those who could read fluently	6	21
“ “ a little	11	23
“ could spell	14	3
Ignorant of alphabet	13	0
Aggregates	44	47

Arithmetical attainments:—

	When admitted.	When discharged.
Those who had entered compound rules	0	14
“ “ simple rules	7	17
“ knew the multiplication table	10	16
Altogether ignorant of figures	27	0
	44	47

It is evident that none of the boys in this Department have attained to a high mark in their studies. When, however, they are viewed from a point from which the eye can take in their whole history, with all the poisoning influences that have been thrown around them, their present character presents encouragement to continued labor in their behalf. A respectable proportion of them give evidence of a quickness of perception, and a readiness at combining, arranging, and comparing, which enable them to master the rudiments of science creditably to themselves. They also manifest a desire to read, and to be informed of the current events of the day. They take freely of the books of the library, and, when opportunity offers, except at play-time, read freely and understandingly, and with evident interest.

Respectfully,

JOSHUA CLENDENON,

*Assist. Sup't and Teacher of Boys' School.*

PHILADELPHIA, January 1, 1852.



REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL—  
COLORED DEPARTMENT HOUSE OF REFUGE.

*To E. Swinney, Esq.*

SIR: The present number of pupils is 33. No changes have been made in the studies of the children, most of the books used being of an elementary character.

During the year, 18 children were admitted, 21 discharged.

Of those admitted, but 6, when received, could read tolerably; 4 could read in words of 1 syllable; 6 knew nothing but the alphabet; and 2 did not know that much. Of the whole number, there were but 4 that had any idea of writing or figures. It affords me pleasure to say that their general conduct has been good, and that a large majority are improving. Five who knew nothing but the alphabet when admitted, have already learned to read in monosyllables.

Of the 21 discharged, 8, who knew nothing but the alphabet when they came in, could read in McGuffey's 1st and 2d Readers; 11 could read well; 2 could read in words of 2 syllables; 11 could write well; 1 beautifully; 7 tolerably; and 2 indifferently. 17, when received, knew nothing of figures; when discharged, could cipher in the four simple rules. All, when discharged, knew all the tables well.

In reviewing the past year, there is but little of interest to record; the time during which the pupils are in the House being so short as not to admit of much mental improvement; and yet it will be seen by the statistics that a majority of those who have gone out have acquired a sufficient knowledge of reading, writing, and figures, to afford them both amusement and profit. I have endeavored to keep before their minds the importance of embracing every opportunity of receiving instruction, that they may have their minds well stored with that knowledge which will prepare them for usefulness in the future, and render their existence cheerful and happy.

I have also encouraged them in the art of letter-writing; and, the week previous to a holiday, all who can spell well enough write a letter to their friends and to myself. Most of them are pleased with this exercise, and it is gratifying to see what improvement is made from time to time.

Yours respectfully,

MARY HOWARD.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM PERSONS TO WHOM  
FORMER INMATES HAVE BEEN INDENTURED.

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RELATIVE TO WHITE BOYS.

*"December 24, 1851.*

"I write you a few lines, and send them by J. M. He is now of age, and has sustained a good character. He is sober and industrious, and of good morals, and will be likely to do well. I expect him to stay with me this winter, and go to school. I shall be up some time next month, if nothing happens, and would be glad if I could get a boy fifteen or sixteen years of age. Please send me word by J. M."

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*"November 1, 1851.*

"DEAR SIR: If there is any one whose feelings I respect, it is that of a mother's; and I wish you to say to her that her son G. B. is a very fine boy, and that I like him very much. That he behaves himself like a man, and is contented and happy; and I hope that he will be an honor to himself and his unworthy master.

"F. B. continues to carry himself in the first order."

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"In a word, J. D. has been a very good boy. Mr. Rutherford, I would like to know if I could get another boy if I were to come up this winter."

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"R. D. is well at present, and is doing well."

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*"December 12, 1851.*

"In regard to the character of P. B., I think it very good. He is of an amiable disposition, and a very even temper; and his qualities in general are very fine, indeed. I am very much pleased with him, indeed; and he is very well satisfied. I asked if he would like to go back. He said, 'If I would bring him back, he would.'"



*"December, 1851.*

"F. H. is well; and he is a very excellent boy."

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*"December 17, 1851.*

"H. B. seems inclined to be honest and to improve in farming, and appears to be satisfied with his home, and is quite a good boy. I should like to have another like him, this winter, provided it is not contrary to your rules."

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*"December 15, 1851.*

"J. R. is still with me. He is still honest and industrious, smart and active, healthy and stout, and appears to be well satisfied with his place; and I am well satisfied with him."

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"A. S. sends his respects to you. He likes his place; and has been a good boy since I have had him, and is coming to see you when he comes to town."

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*"December, 1851.*

"I have found nothing in P. M. but perfect honesty; in fact, he strives to do what is right, in every particular."

#### RELATIVE TO WHITE GIRLS.

"We feel gratified to be able to say that J. D., the child we received from you, has been to us a treasure. She is correct in all her conduct, ever ready to listen to moral and religious instruction, kind and affectionate to the family, and desirous of pleasing. In fact, her deportment since she has been with us speaks highly for the Institution from whence she came; and feeling a deep interest in that Institution, we can but pray that all who go forth from it may prove as acceptable to others as she has to us."

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*"December, 1851.*

"I avail myself of the above invitation to write more fully in relation to my ward than simply to answer your questions, as above propounded, because I think it *due* to your valuable Institution, and no more than an act of



justice to F. C. herself. Although wholly unacquainted with the system of instruction and policy adopted at your Institution; yet, judging of the character and conduct of the girl you sent me, I am persuaded that it is very effective in 'training up a child in the way it should go.' I, therefore, consider the House of Refuge justly entitled to a high place in the calendar of those moral and charitable institutions which characterize the city of Philadelphia.

"F. is quite correct in her deportment; industrious, prudent, scrupulously honest, and conscientious. She frequently expresses her gratitude towards those under whose care she was while at the Refuge, for their faithfulness, and says it was a most fortunate thing for her that she was sent there. There is every reason to hope and believe that she will be a respectable woman and a valuable member of society. At all events, I shall esteem myself truly fortunate if, when her time expires, I can obtain another girl with so many good qualities, and so few of an opposite character."

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"December 9, 1851.

"I am very well pleased with my apprentice R. W., and shall endeavor to do all in my power to make her a useful member of society; and so far she promises very fair."

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"December 9, 1851.

"B. L. has become a member of the Baptist Church."

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"December 13, 1851.

"M. H.'s disposition is remarkably good; she appears to be morally inclined. On Sabbath, she is inclined to read *the Book*, and does not show much disposition to run about. M.'s character for truth and honesty is, I think, irreproachable; it is certainly excellent."

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"December, 1851.

"I must say, in honor to your worthy Matron, that L. S. has proved all she was represented to us. She is very happy, and appears perfectly satisfied."

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"December, 1851.

"M. M. has always evinced a desire to please. Has been obedient; and her temper has been unusually even. She is a great favorite with my children; and I have not, as yet, discovered her out of humor. She is industrious."

## RELATIVE TO COLORED BOYS.

"S. R. is a very good boy; is industrious; has improved in his business. Is a little stubborn sometimes; but, by keeping him strict, I get along with him very well. He is going to a first-rate school. He has attended meeting some, but not regularly. His health is good, but he complains a little of his feet, as they are frosted."

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"I thought of writing to thee ere this, and I am glad I can give so favorable an account of G. W. If he had a little more action in his employment, he would be all I could wish. He is kind to the stock, and is fond of going to school. I feel in hopes we shall have much comfort in him. We have not known him to do anything wrong knowingly."

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"SIR: I can say J. J. is obedient, and careful to speak the truth. I have been perfectly satisfied with my choice, with one exception, and that fault you must have been aware of while in the Institution."

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"In regard to J. M., I can say he has been generally obedient. As he had not been accustomed to out-door work on the business of a farm, I have felt entirely satisfied with him in this respect, as he has improved in his business. His health is good."

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"I have put J. T. to the plough; he does his work well. As to myself, I am very much pleased with him. I have no family but my wife, and she also is pleased with him; and he thinks a great deal of us both. If he pleases me till he is free, I shall do well by him. We have preaching every other Sunday, when we all go."

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"I take pleasure to inform the Committee that the apprentice, W. M., deserves, in general, a favorable testimony. He seems well disposed, obedient, and, as much as can be judged, adhering to truth. As to his visiting a place of worship, we are sorry to say, there are few opportunities for that, on account of the great distance of the nearest church. But he is incited to the performance of his religious duties, at home. He is instructed in the necessary elementary branches of school education here; as to his improvement, the time for detecting talents has yet been too short to give a decided answer, although he is willing to learn. His health is good. His honesty deserves special commendation."



"I may add, in a few plain words, that I have been very agreeably disappointed in getting a boy from the House of Refuge. Instead of getting a bad boy, and one difficult to manage, as I was fearful, we have a good boy in every respect, so far as I am able to judge, reflecting much credit on your Institution, Superintendent, Assistant, &c. J. seems well trained, always pleasant and cheerful, kind and obedient, respectful and industrious, and interested in his business. When sent on errands, returns quickly; performs business intrusted to his care, promptly.

"J. sends his thanks to you for your kindness and care over him. Says, 'tell the boys to be good, and try to get to the country to live.' He has a good place, and is well satisfied; don't want to go to town again."

#### RELATIVE TO COLORED GIRLS.

"DEAR SIR: You wished me to write, to let you know something about the girl my wife got from your Institution. I can say I am very much gratified with her; she is a very good, kind, and attentive little girl. All I can say at present is, we hope all who go from your Institution, may prove as acceptable to others as she has to us."

"SIR: In accordance with your wish, I would say that H. S., I think, is honest, and careful to speak the truth; she is also obedient and industrious. She has attended Sunday School, and is seriously inclined. I am sorry she is near-sighted, as we cannot trust her to do very particular work. She has also become fat."

"SIR: In accordance with your request, I now state to you that R. G. is obedient, is honest, and careful of truth; she is industrious, and improves in her employment. She has attended meeting, and manifests some seriousness at times.

"The above, I think, is sufficient; as we are satisfied with her, and she says she is with us."

"SIR: What I have to say in respect to M. may be said in a very few words; and that is, she is in every respect a very good girl. We have not been able to send her to school yet, as we have not had an opportunity."



“DEAR FRIEND: We cannot but feel indebted to you for recommending to us so good a girl as D. W. has so far proved herself to be. She is in good spirits, and desires to learn to do all and everything connected with the household. If she perseveres, her efforts shall not go unrewarded. She sends her kind regards to you all.”

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LETTERS FROM COLORED GIRLS TO THE MATRON.

“DEAR FRIEND: I am very well pleased with my place. I like Mrs. S.; she is kind to me. I have the privilege of attending Sabbath School and Church here, for which I am thankful. The House of Refuge I like very much, and am thankful that I was ever placed there, for it was there I was taught to value these religious privileges and advantages. Remember me to all the girls, also to Miss H. the Teacher.”

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“Mrs. McP.: I embrace the opportunity afforded me to write as you requested. I am very much obliged to Mr. S. for getting me so good a place. I like him and Mrs. S. very much. Give my best respects to Miss H., and tell her I am thankful for the instruction she gave me. The Bible lessons, the chapel service, and singing school, I think of often. The last chapter I heard read I shall never forget, as also the hymns I learned there. Remember me when you come together for prayer.”

*Description of Plan, together with Estimates of Cost of erecting and furnishing the proposed Buildings for the White Department of the House of Refuge.*

The *first* of the lithographic prints prefixed to this Report represents the plan of the principal floor of the proposed buildings.

The *second* print represents a perspective elevation of the buildings, taken from a point of view in a direction north-east from them, and is constructed on a scale fifty per cent. greater than that of the first print.

The following explanation will, it is believed, in connection with the accompanying prints, give a pretty correct idea of the proposed buildings.

1. *The Outer Walls and Size of Lot.*—The outer walls, which are designed to be about twenty-four feet in height, form a parallelogram of 475 by 400 feet.

2. *Materials for Buildings.*—The outer walls, it is intended, shall be of rubble stone, and all of the buildings within the inclosure of brick. For the window-frames of the dormitories, it is intended to use iron; and uniformly in the selection of materials durability has been considered.

3. *Architectural Design.*—It has been the aim of the Board to adopt a neat architectural design; but ornament has been excluded from the plans.

4. *General Explanation of the Plan of the Buildings and Grounds* — About three-fifths of the space inclosed within the outer walls are allotted to the department for boys, and the remaining two-fifths to the department for girls, the two departments being separated by a wall of equal height with the outer walls.

The arrangement of the plan has been made with reference to the separation of both the male and female inmates into three classes; the *third* class to consist of the older and more vicious; the *second* class of such as are not so much depraved; and the *first* class of those who, having been for some time under the wholesome discipline of the Institution,



manifest a spirit of obedience and a desire to benefit by the opportunity afforded them for moral and intellectual improvement.

It is designed that inmates, while members of the third class, shall not be allowed to associate with any of the members of the first or second class, and to a very limited extent with each other ; that the members of the second class shall be separated, as perfectly as practicable, from the members of the first class ; but that in both of these classes the members be allowed to associate freely with those of their own class during play hours.

The buildings for the third class are marked on the first print, in dotted lines. These buildings are not embraced in the annexed estimate of cost of erection and furnishing. Those for the first and second classes alone claim our consideration at present.

The dormitories, which, as shown in the second print, are four stories in height, are designed to accommodate the following numbers, viz. :—

	Boys.	Girls.
First Class - - - - -	152	64
Second Class - - - - -	152	64
	<hr/> 304	<hr/> 128
		Total 432.

A school-room, class-room, and infirmary for the girls; and a sitting-room and sleeping apartments for the officers of the department for girls, are designed to be placed in the second and third stories of that department. The basement story is appropriated to bathing-rooms for the girls, heating apparatus, and store-rooms.

Over the boys' dining-room it is proposed to place the chapel, designed to accommodate the boys on the floor, and the girls in a gallery ; and the second and third stories of the remainder of the boys' department are appropriated to a school-room, class-rooms, and infirmary for the boys, and sleeping apartments for the officers of this department.

The workshops, which are designed to be three stories in height, it will be observed, are placed apart from the other buildings, to guard against accidents from fire.

The basement story of the workshops is appropriated to bathing pools and other bathing apparatus for the boys ; the basement of the other buildings of the department for boys, to a bakery, a room for cleansing inmates when first admitted, and for heating apparatus and storerooms.

Ample space, it will be observed, has been set apart for play-grounds for the healthful recreation of the inmates ; and exercising-sheds or gymnasias are contemplated for the proper physical training of the boys.



5. *Estimates of Cost of Erecting and Furnishing.*—The Board have received proposals from competent builders to contract for the erection of the contemplated buildings for about \$190,000.

The cost of furnishing the buildings and of grading the lot, together with other matters not included in estimates for erection of buildings, is estimated at \$10,000, making a total of \$200,000.

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